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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 16-17 are canceled herein. Claims 19-22 have been withdrawn pursuant

to the earlier restriction requirement. Claims 5-15 and 18 are presented for examination and

appeal pursuant to the Board and Examiner's instructions.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the

outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to

allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner

is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including

the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d) for total independent claims in

excess of 3, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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